

Fiscal Year 2013 Greater Sage Grouse Initiative Application Screening Worksheet <u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EOIP application.</u>	
Applicant Name:	Application No:
Evaluator Name:	Date:
<p>This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for the Greater Sage Grouse EQIP Initiative assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs related to this initiative.</p> <p>Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high, medium, and low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant. The priority determination of high, medium or low must be recorded in ProTracts for this applicant.</p>	
<u>High Priority Category: (If the following is true)</u> The applicant has a NRCS approved grazing plan (the grazing plan will meet the 528 - Prescribed Grazing Practice Standard) at the time of application that addresses threats to Greater Sage Grouse so that the project area will be suitable habitat. Suitable Greater Sage Grouse habitat exists when the planned WHAG score is equal to or greater than (≥ 0.5) and the treatment area is accessible to sage grouse all age classes.	High Priority Status in ProTracts
<u>Medium Priority Category: (If the following is true)</u> The applicant will develop a NRCS approved grazing plan (the grazing plan will meet the 528 - Prescribed Grazing Practice Standard) to address threats to the Greater Sage Grouse so that the project area will be suitable habitat. Suitable Greater Sage Grouse habitat exists when the planned Sage-Grouse WHAG score is equal to or greater than (≥ 0.5) and the treatment area is accessible to sage grouse all age classes.	Medium Priority Status in ProTracts

<p><u>Low Priority Category:</u> (If one of the following is true)</p> <p>The applicant is willing to address some of the threats to sage-grouse in the proposed treatment area so that the project area will be suitable habitat for the Greater Sage Grouse. Suitable Greater Sage Grouse habitat exists when the planned Sage-grouse WHAG score is equal to or greater than (≥ 0.5) and the treatment area is accessible to sage grouse all age classes.</p>			<p>Low Priority Status in ProTracts</p>
<p>District Conservationist Approval Signature:</p>		<p>Date Approved:</p>	